IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Road barrier with a function as a traffic-divider or of lateral containment and protection, said barrier comprising a plurality of modules each of which has at least an upright, or vertical component, fixed in the ground, and at least a first longitudinal element, or horizontal component, associated therewith, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said upright ~~(12)~~ and said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ consist of tubular profiles, said upright ~~(12)~~ being arranged through inside said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~, so that said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ can be moved vertically and selectively clamped at a desired height along said upright ~~(12)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising a base ~~(11)~~ provided with an inclined side ~~(11b)~~ protruding towards the roadway ~~(14)~~, said upright ~~(12)~~ being arranged through inside said base ~~(11)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said side ~~(11b)~~ has a curvilinear conformation and defines a concavity facing towards the roadway ~~(14)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 2 ~~or 3, characterized in that~~ , wherein said base ~~(11) consists of~~ comprises a tubular profile with a substantially trapezoid section.

5. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said base ~~(11)~~ has at least a hole for passing therethrough ~~(17) by means of which it is able to be~~

~~filled with~~ a material suitable to increase the rigidity of the base thereof, such as mortar of cement (18), or concrete.

6. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 1 to 3 inclusive, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said base ~~(11)~~ consists of a full- section article, made of concrete or armed cement.

7. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 2 to 6 inclusive, characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said base ~~(11)~~ is mounted on spacer elements ~~(15)~~ able to keep ~~it~~ the base slightly raised with respect to the ground and arranged distanced from each other ~~in order~~ to allow ~~the~~ water to drain from the roadway ~~(14)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said spacer elements ~~(15) are made of~~ comprise synthetic material selected from the group consisting of ~~such as~~ plastic, nylon, and Teflon ~~or suchlike~~.

9. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 6, ~~characterized in that,~~ wherein at least on ~~the~~ a bottom part of said base, said base ~~(11)~~ has through transverse apertures able to allow ~~the~~ water to drain from the roadway ~~(14)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 2 to 9 inclusive, characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said base ~~(11)~~ is able to slide vertically along said upright ~~(12)~~ to be arranged at different heights according to the variations in height of the roadway ~~(14)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 2 to 10 inclusive, characterized in that~~ claim 2, wherein said upright ~~(12)~~ is arranged off- center towards the outside of the carriageway ~~(36)~~ with respect to said base ~~(11)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said upright ~~(12)~~ integrally includes coupling means for an extension upright ~~(112)~~ to be associated at ~~the~~ a top part of said upright ~~thereof~~.

13. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said coupling means comprise at least an inner threading ~~(22)~~ on which a threaded sleeve ~~(21)~~, associated with said extension upright ~~(112)~~, is able to be screwed.

14. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said coupling means comprise through transverse holes ~~(25)~~ able to cooperate with mating holes ~~(24)~~ made on a sleeve ~~(23)~~ associated with said extension upright ~~(112)~~, said sleeve ~~(23)~~ being able to be inserted and attached, by ~~means of~~ pins [[,]] or screws ~~or suchlike~~, to said upright ~~(12)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that,~~ claim 1, comprising at least a second longitudinal element above said first longitudinal element ~~(13), it comprises at least a~~ said second longitudinal element ~~(30)~~, ~~consisting of~~ comprising a tubular profile, passed through by said upright ~~(12)~~ along which ~~it~~ said second longitudinal element can be moved and selectively clamped.

16. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said longitudinal elements ~~(13,30)~~ cooperate with collar means ~~(27)~~ provided with insertion apertures for pin means ~~(38)~~ which allow ~~them~~ said longitudinal elements to be reversibly clamped on said upright ~~(12)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said insertion apertures are able to be aligned with mating holes ~~(37)~~ made at variable heights on said upright ~~(12)~~ for the through insertion of said pin means ~~(38)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that~~ wherein said collar means ~~(27)~~ are integrally made on said longitudinal elements ~~(13,30)~~.

19. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that~~ , wherein said collar means ~~(27)~~ are attached on said longitudinal elements ~~(13,30)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in claim 16 ~~or 17, characterized in that~~ , wherein said collar means ~~(27)~~ are autonomous elements able to be attached on said upright ~~(12)~~ to support said longitudinal elements ~~(13,30)~~ from below and to prevent their vertical displacement.

21. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that it includes panels (35) of the~~ claim 1, comprising soundproofing and/or anti-dazzle ~~type~~ panels.

22. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~claims 15 and 21, characterized in that~~ claim 15, comprising soundproofing and/or anti-dazzle panels, wherein said panels ~~(35)~~ are arranged between said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ and said second longitudinal element ~~(30)~~.

23. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~claims 15 and 21, characterized in that~~ claim 15, comprising soundproofing and/or anti-dazzle panels, wherein said panels ~~(35)~~ are arranged above said second longitudinal element ~~(30)~~.

24. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ and/or said second longitudinal element

~~(30)~~ are passed through longitudinally by a reinforcement element ~~(28) made of~~ comprisisng high resistance material ~~such as~~ selected from the group consisting of a metal cable or a strip of synthetic fiber.

25. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ has an ovoid section, or similar, and longer lateral segments ~~(13a)~~ having a convexity facing towards the outside, so as to be distanced from said upright ~~(12)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim from 1 to 24 inclusive, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ has a polygonal section ~~, or similar,~~ vertically extended.

27. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that at least~~ claim 1, wherein said first longitudinal element ~~(13)~~ has a plane upper segment ~~(13b)~~ and lower segment ~~(13c)~~ in correspondence with which ~~it~~ said first longitudinal element is passed through by said upright ~~(12)~~.

28. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that it comprises~~ claim 1, comprising sleeve means ~~(31)~~ or plate means able to be inserted in a retracted position inside contiguous bases ~~(11)~~ or longitudinal elements ~~(13,30) in order~~ suitable to join them together by means of pin or screw means ~~(34) or suchlike~~.

29. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein said tubular profiles are made of metal.

30. (Currently Amended) Road barrier as in ~~any claim hereinbefore, characterized in that,~~ claim 1, wherein at ~~the~~ a lower part, said tubular profiles have through holes to drain ~~the~~ condensation and water which has infiltrated inside said tubular profiles ~~them~~.